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The present amendment cancels claims 1, 4-9, 11 and 18-19.

Claim 12 has been amended to include the analogous materials [hydroxyalkyl, allyl or aryl-aminocarboxylic acids] and therefore now provides an antecedent for objected claims 13-16.

It is believed that the amendment proposed above overcome all rejections.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Applicants believe an additional fee is due for this application. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional required fee, or credit any excess fee paid, to Deposit Account 04-1579 (56.0609CIP).

Respectfully submitted,



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